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SUBJECT: BIE: PROPOSALS FOR BRINGING INTO FORCE 1972 PROTOCOL

REFS: A) PUSEY/HENRY TELCON, DEC. 6; B) STATE 287162

1. REF A REPORTS SCHEME TO BRING INTO FORCE 1972 PROTOCOL (AMENDING 1928 CONVENTION ESTABLISHING THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS - BIE) BY HAVING BIE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (OFTEN REFERRED TO INFORMALLY AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY) REDUCE THE NUMBER OF STATES WHICH MUST BECOME PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL TO BRING IT INTO FORCE FROM 29 (TO 26 SINCE THAT MANY MEMBER STATES HAVE ALREADY DEPOSITED THEIR RATIFICATIONS WITH THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT, FRANCE).
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2. REF B INSTRUCTED THE DELEGATION TO OPPOSE A PROPOSAL OF THE BIE PRESIDENT TO HAVE THE PROTOCOL APPLIED QUOTE PROVISIONALLY UNQUOTE AS ARTICLE IV OF THE PROTOCOL STATES THE ONLY WAY THE PROTOCOL MAY COME INTO EFFECT; TO WIT, WHEN 29 STATES HAVE BECOME PARTIES AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE III. WITHOUT REPEATING THE ARGUMENTS USED IN THAT

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CABLE, WE ALSO OPPOSE THIS NEW PROPOSAL WHICH IS, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, EVEN CLEARER IN ITS LEGAL INCOMPATIBILITY WITH THE EXPLICIT TERMS OF THE PROTOCOL.

3. ACCORDINGLY, THE DELEGATION SHOULD OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL, POINTING OUT THAT THE ONLY MANNER BY WHICH THE PROTOCOL OF 1972 CAN FORMALLY BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE WITH LESS THAN 29 PARTIES IS FOR THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT A NEW PROTOCOL SO AMENDING THE PROTOCOL OF 1972. SUCH NEW PROTOCOL WOULD THEN BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PROCESS OF APPROVAL AS WAS THE 1972 PROTOCOL - FOR THE U.S. SENATE ADVISE AND CONSENT.

4. BIE MAY, OF COURSE, USE 1972 PROTOCOL AS AN UNOFFICIAL GUIDELINE FOR ACTION, INSOFAR AS IT DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH 1928 CONVENTION.

5. WE ASSUME THIS MATTER MAY BE RAISED AT THE DECEMBER 8 MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE IN PREPARATION FOR THE DECEMBER 14 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. VANCE

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